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PEOPLE OF EARTH...  
I'D LIKE YOU  
TO MEET MY  
**FAMILY!**



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He was born light-years away, on the planet KRYPTON, which orbited a giant red sun... and he was rocketed to Earth in time to escape his world's doom.

Much has been written of KAL-EL, now known as SUPERMAN... but even the MAN OF STEEL himself never learned of his own family history... until NOW!

And YOU are privileged to join him in this epic voyage of discovery, as...

## SUPERMAN PRESENTS THE KRYPTON CHRONICLES

ALL I KNOW OF MY ANCESTORS IS WHAT THESE STATUES TELL-- THEIR NAMES AND LITTLE MORE! HOW CAN I LEARN WHO THEY WERE... HOW THEY LIVED... AND WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED IN LIFE... GOOD OR EVIL?



# "THE SEARCH FOR SUPERMAN'S ROOTS!"

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# "The ANCESTRAL ASSIGNMENT!"

IT ALL BEGINS ONE MORNING ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE GALAXY BUILDING, IN THE PLANET OFFICE OF CLARK KENT...

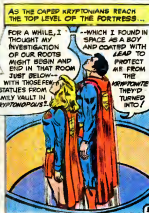
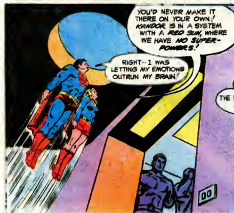
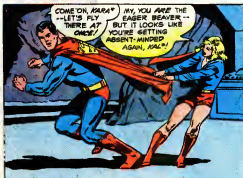
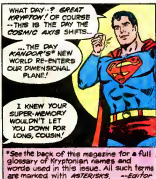


...AND PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF THE DAILY PLANET...









THEN, IN A SPECIAL HANGAR AT THE VERY TOP OF SUPERMAN'S SANCTUM...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE HAD TO TRAVEL THROUGH SPACE BY *SAW*... INSTEAD OF UNDER OUR OWN POWER!

IT WILL BE SO GOOD TO SEE MOTHER AND DAD AGAIN!

AS SOON AS THE COUSINS STRAP THEMSELVES IN, THE ROOF OF THE FORTRESS SLIDES OPEN...



ROCKETS ARE ACTIVATED, AND THE SLEEK SPACE-CRAFT RISES ON A PILLAR OF FLAME...

THE PANELS CLOSE, THEIR WHITE COLOR CONCEALING FROM OVERFLYING AIRCRAFT THE FACT THAT THE SNOW HAS JUST BEEN SCRAPED OFF THEM...

PUTTING THE SHIP INTO *HYPER-DRIVE*, SUPERMAN TAKES A SHORTCUT THROUGH SUB-SPACE, TO EMERGE NEAR A GIANT WORLD BENEATH A MAMMOTH RED SUN...

THERE IT IS, KARA! IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW MUCH OF *KANDOR* HAS BEEN REBUILT!

THEN, AS THE SPACE-VOYAGERS  
TOUCH DOWN NEAR THE ONLY  
CITY ON THE GREAT WORLD...

FALLS OF FIRE! \* THEY'VE  
NOT ONLY REBUILT KANDOR --  
THEY'VE VASTLY IMPROVED IT!

BUT NOW--IN SO  
SHORT A TIME?

HERE COME YOUR PARENTS\*--  
ALONG WITH MAN-ZEE\* AND  
THE DRYBUR MOLLOM\*!

OH, MOTHER--  
DAD! NOW I'VE  
KISSED YOU!

MAN--HOW DID YOU MANAGE  
TO RESTORE SO MUCH OF  
KANDOR? THE ENTIRE CITY  
DISINTEGRATED SHORTLY  
AFTER WE ENLARGED IT!

NOT QUITE, KAL! IT  
TURNED OUT PART OF  
IT WAS STILL INTACT!

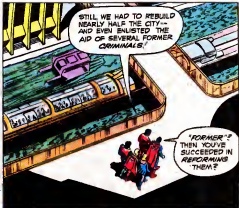


ALL THE MEMBER BUILDINGS--THOSE MADE OF **GRANITE**--WERE DESTROYED... BUT THE OLDER ONES REMAINED.

AND FORTUNATELY, OUR RECORDS WERE STILL INTACT, BECAUSE THEY--AND THE COMPUTERS IN WHICH THEY WERE STORED--WERE MADE OF METALS!



STILL, WE HAD TO REBUILD NEARLY HALF THE CITY-- AND EVEN ENLISTED THE AID OF SEVERAL FORMER CRIMINALS!

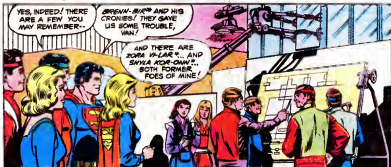


'FORMER'? THEN YOU'VE SUCCEEDED IN REFORMING THEM?

YES, INDEED! THERE ARE A FEW YOU MAY REMEMBER--

**BRENN-BIX** AND HIS CRONIES! THEY GAVE US SOME TROUBLE, VAN!

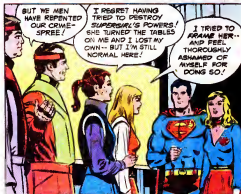
AND THERE ARE **ZORA V-LAR**... AND **SHYLA KOR-OWN**... BOTH FORMER FOES OF MINE!



BUT WE MEN HAVE REPENTED OUR CRIME-SPREE!

I REGRET HAVING TRIED TO DESTROY SUPERMAN'S POWERS! SHE TURNED THE TABLES ON ME AND I LOST MY OWN-- BUT I'M STILL NORMAL HERE!

I TRIED TO KRAVE HER-- AND FEEL THOROUGHLY ASHAMED OF MYSELF FOR DOING SO!



ANYTHING YOU'D PARTICULARLY LIKE TO SEE HERE?

YES-- THE **EL** FAMILY VAULT!



IT'S NICE TO KNOW ONE COMPLETE VAULT IS STILL IN EXISTENCE -- HERE ON NEW KRYPTON!

NO -- NOT NEW KRYPTON -- WE DECIDED AGAINST GIVING THE PLANET THAT NAME! WE VOTED TO CALL IT ROKYN\* -- A NAME I THINK YOU'LL AGREE IS APPROPRIATE!

SOON, THE COUSINS ARE TAKEN TO THE VAULT HOUSING THE STATUES OF THEIR ANCESTORS...

HERE IT IS -- THE VAULT BUILT IN KANDOR BY YOUR UNCLE NIM\* -- YOUR FATHER'S TWIN BROTHER!

GOOD! LET'S GO IN AND DIG UP MY FAMILY ROOTS!

YOU KNOW THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR FATHER AND UNCLE -- AS WELL AS OUR FATHER, JOR-EL I\*!

YES -- BUT THAT'S ABOUT ALL!

OUR GRANDFATHER, VAR-EL\* WASN'T ESPECIALLY DISTINGUISHED -- NOR ANY EARLIER ELS OF THE HUNDRETH CENTURY! WE MUST GO BACK TO GAM-EL THE ARCHITECT!

WHILE OUTSIDE THE CRYPT, A FIGURE PREPARES FOR MISCHIEF...

MY REVENGE IS ALMOST AT HAND!

## "The MASTER BUILDER of KRYPTON!"



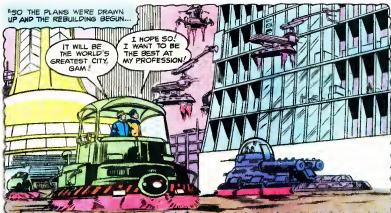
## GAM-EL'S STORY:



"SO THE PLANS WERE DRAWN UP AND THE REBUILDING BEGUN..."

IT WILL BE THE WORLD'S GREATEST CITY, GAM!

I HOPE SO! I WANT TO BE THE BEST AT MY PROFESSION!



"ALL WENT WELL UNTIL, ONE NIGHT, AS WE RESTED IN OUR GRAND-HUTS..."

BARINNAW  
KLOON

EXPLOSIONS! SOMEONE HAS SABOTAGED THE NEW STRUCTURES!



"THE CULPRITS HAD ALREADY FLED, BUT FORTUNATELY, MY BROTHER PYN-EL WAS PRESENT AS ONE OF OUR SECURITY FORCE..."

I AM CONFIDENT THEY CANNOT HAVE GONE FAR! ANYONE SO DETERMINED WOULD STAY NEARBY TO MAKE SURE WE HAD ABANDONED THE PROJECT!



THERE ARE NOT LIKELY MANY CRIMINALS IN THIS FOREST-- BUT THE THOUGHT-TRACKER EYE WILL FIND ANY WHO MAY BE HERE!

THE EYE GLOWS! THERE IS OUR QUARRY!

LET'S TAKE THEM BEFORE THEY CAN PUT UP A FIGHT!



"WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT WE DID! BUT THE SABOTEURS PROVED UNCOOPERATIVE..."

WE DO NOT ADMIT A THING! WHY WOULD WE WANT TO DESTROY YOUR CITY?

WE CAN ALWAYS GO TO KANDOR AND ASK YOUR WELL-TO-DO ~~PROPERTY~~ ~~OWNER~~ ~~MANAGER~~ ~~...~~

EH? HOW COULD YOU KNOW ABOUT KLY-ANTH?

I DID NOT... UNTIL NOW! BUT IT SEEMED TO ME THAT YOU HAD BEEN HIRING BY SOMEONE ANYWAY-- WITH MUCH TO LOSE FROM THIS PROJECT!

AS KANDOR IS THE LARGEST CITY IN THIS AREA-- AND STANDS TO SUFFER LOSSES-- THE DEDUCTION WAS SIMPLE!

"KLY-ANTH WAS ARRESTED AND GAVE A FULL CONFESSION..."

I AM THE CHIEF PROPERTY OWNER IN KANDOR. MANY OF MY TENANTS PLANNED TO MOVE THEIR BUSINESSES TO KRYPTONOPOLIS.

IF IT BECAME THE CAPITAL, PROPERTY VALUES WERE WOULD DECREASE.

"THERE WERE NO FURTHER INCIDENTS... AND WITHIN A YEAR, THE NEW ADAMTOWNOPOLIS STOOD WHERE ONCE THERE WAS ONLY BURNED-OUT WRECKAGE..."

AS LONG AS KRYPTON EXISTS, MEN AND WOMEN WILL REMEMBER YOUR NAME AND ACCOMPLISHMENT, GAM!

I HOPE SO! I PLAN TO BUILD MUCH MORE... BUT THIS WILL BE MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT!

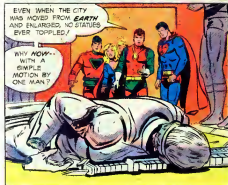
"I WAS, HOWEVER,  
DUE FOR A CRUSHING  
DISAPPOINTMENT..."

BY A VOTE OF THE  
SCIENCE COUNCIL, THE  
MOTION TO MOVE THE  
CAPITAL FROM KANDOR  
TO KRYPTONOPOLIS  
IS REJECTED!

"SO, THOUGH I  
DID REBUILD THE  
CITY, IT DID NOT,  
AS I HAD HOPED,  
BECOME KRYPTON'S  
SEAT OF GOVERNMENT."

GAM-EL NEVER GUESSED WHAT  
WOULD BRING ABOUT HIS DREAM  
MORE THAN 100 YEARS LATER!

AFTER BRAINWAC  
STOLE KANDOR,  
THE CAPITAL  
WAS MOVED TO  
KRYPTONOPOLIS  
-- WHERE IT  
REMAINED FOR  
THE NEXT TWO  
YEARS -- UNTIL  
KRYPTON EXPLODED!



# CHAPTER 3 "THE SIGN OF RAO!"



"IN THE YEAR 9852, THE NATIONS OF KRYPTON--WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS--AGREED TO END WAR FOREVER BY UNITING IN A GREAT PLANETARY CONFEDERATION..."





WHEN NEXT A THUNDERSTORM COMES, ALL OF YOU GATHER AT THE PLAIN OF **MMANAN**, OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KANDOR.

EACH MUST BRING WITH HIM A LIGHTNING ROD WHICH HE WILL SET UP!



WHICHEVER ROD THE LIGHTNING **FAILS** TO STRIKE WILL **HOW** FOR ITS OWNER! IT WILL BE THE **SIGN OF RAO!**

EXCELLENT! IT WILL BE LIKE OUR CHOICE BY **LOT!**

IT IS AS GOOD A WAY AS ANY TO CHOOSE!



SO WE WAITED--AND FIVE DAYS LATER, A THUNDERSTORM ROLLED ACROSS THE PLAIN...

WITH **RAO'S** GUIDANCE, WE WILL KNOW WHAT FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO SET UP!

I AM GLAD TO SEE YOU BOTH THINK ENOUGH OF SCIENCE TO USE **INSULATED GLOVES** TO CARRY YOUR RODS!

NOT ALL POLITICIANS ARE IGNORAMUSES, **TALA-BIL!**



THERE--NOW LET **RAO** AND HIS LIGHTNING DECIDE!

HE WILL CHOOSE WISELY!



MY ROD--**WIT!**

**RAO** HAS REJECTED GOVERNMENT BY--**LOT!**





BY THE MOONS!  
NOW  
MINE IS  
STRUCK!

WHICH  
MEANS  
WE WILL  
HAVE A  
TECHNOCRACY-  
GOVERNMENT  
BY SCIENTISTS!



"I WAS  
CHOSEN  
TO WRITE  
THE  
CONSTITUTION  
OF THE NEW  
PLANETARY  
CONFEDERATION..."

...AND THE METHOD  
OF VOTING MUST BE  
FRAUD-PROOF!



"A FEW AMENDMENTS  
WERE ADOPTED--AND  
THEN THE DOCUMENT  
WAS PASSED..."

OUR WORK IS DONE! NOW  
THE PEOPLE TAKE OVER TO  
ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES!



"AFTERWARD, I VISITED WITH MY UNCLE..."

IT WAS WISE  
OF YOU TO  
LEAVE THE  
DECISION TO  
RAG!

YES, I HAVE  
NO DOUBT IT  
WAS INDEED  
MIS DOING!



SURELY IT WAS HE WHO INSPIRED  
ME TO USE NON-CONDUCTIVE  
MATERIALS TO MAKE MY LIGHTNING  
ROD, THEREBY ASSURING IT WOULD  
NOT ATTRACT ANY BOLTS!

# CHAPTER 4

## "THE WAR TO END WARS!"



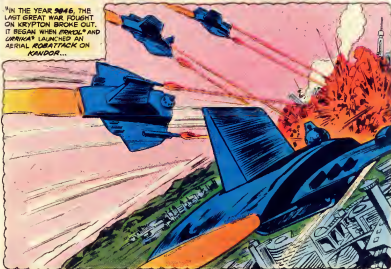
THANKFULLY,  
WE HAD NO  
TROUBLE WITH  
TALA-EL'S  
STATUE!

Judge  
Elvab

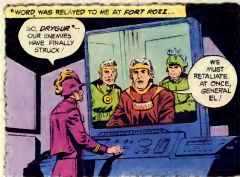


NEXT IS HIS FATHER,  
**MR. EL!** HE WAS THE  
GENERAL-IN-CHIEF  
FOR THE KANDOR-  
KRYPTONOPOLIS  
FEDERATION DURING THE **LAST**  
WAR.

"IN THE YEAR 9846, THE  
LAST GREAT WAR FOUGHT  
ON KRYPTON BROKE OUT.  
IT BEGAN WHEN **ERIKOL\*** AND  
**UMRIKA\*** LAUNCHED AN  
AERIAL ROBATTACK ON  
KANDOR...



\*WORD WAS RELAYED TO ME AT FORT ROZZ...



SO, DRYGUR...  
OUR ENEMIES  
HAVE FINALLY  
STRUCK!

WE  
MUST  
RETALIATE  
AT ONCE,  
GENERAL  
EL!

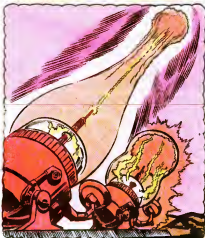
\*I IMMEDIATELY ISSUED ORDERS TO  
THE LAUNCH BATTERIES...



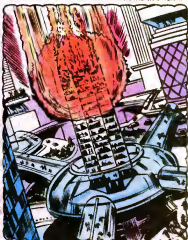
WE MUST HIT **ERIKOL** AND THE ALLIED  
CITY-STATES WITH **DISINTEGRATOR-  
SPHERES!**

WE SHALL NOT  
MISS,  
GENERAL EL!

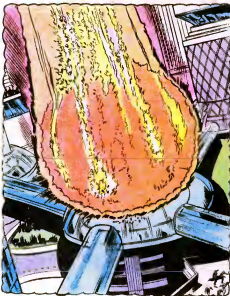
"IT WAS A TERRIBLE WEAPON, BUT WE WERE SURE  
ITS USE WOULD BRING THE WAR TO A SWIFT END...



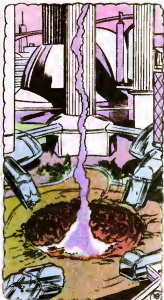
"WE AIMED ONE AT EACH OF FOUR CITIES--  
DIRECTING IT AT A PARTICULAR BUILDING IN EACH...



"WE ARE ACCUSTOMED TO THE LOUD NOISES OF WAR-  
WEAPONS... YET THIS WAS MORE FRIGHTENING BECAUSE  
IT WAS SILENT...



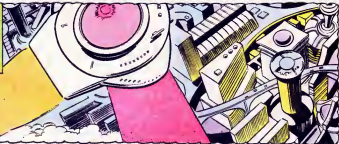
"AND WHEN IT WAS FINISHED, THE  
TARGET WAS NO MORE...



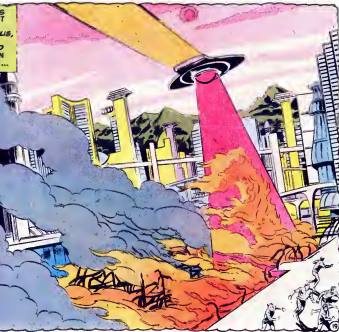
"WE FELT SO SAUGLY  
CONFIDENT  
THAT OURS  
WAS THE  
ULTIMATE  
WEAPON!  
THAT IS,  
UNTIL THE  
FOE  
LAUNCHED  
THEIRS!...



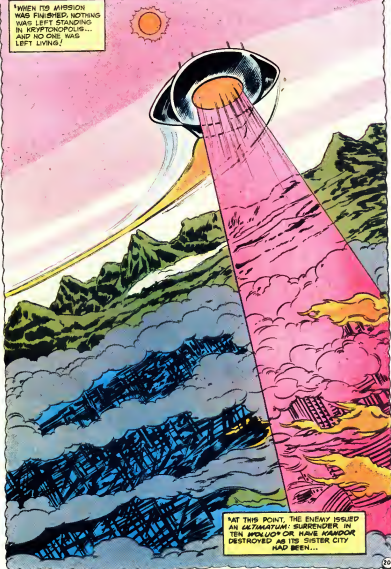
"THE ROBOT-  
CRAFT WAS  
POWERED  
BY THE SUN  
--AND USED  
SUNLIGHT  
AS ITS  
WEAPON...



"SWIFTLY, ITS  
BEAM SWEEP  
ACROSS  
KRYPTONOPOLIS,  
LEAVING  
BLACKENED  
DEVASTATION  
IN ITS WAKE...



WHEN ITS MISSION  
WAS FINISHED, NOTHING  
WAS LEFT STANDING  
IN KRYPTONOPOLIS...  
AND NO ONE WAS  
LEFT LIVING!



AT THIS POINT, THE ENEMY ISSUED  
AN ULTIMATUM: SURRENDER IN  
TEN MINUTES OR HAVE KANDOR  
DESTROYED AS ITS SISTER CITY  
HAD BEEN...

"SURRENDER WAS NOT IN MY NATURE! I ASKED AND RECEIVED PERMISSION TO TRY ONE FINAL DESPERATE MEASURE."

"YES-NO?!  
HOW IS THE  
PROJECT  
COMING?"

"WELL! BUT SO FAR IT  
IS UNTESTED ON HUMANS.  
GIVE ME ANOTHER **LORAX**\*  
OR TWO..."



"NO--I CANNOT EVEN GIVE YOU A  
FRACTION OF THAT TIME! EVERY **THIRDS**\*  
BRINGS US NEARER TO DESTRUCTION."

"BE READY TO LAUNCH  
IT IN **NINE HOLLID**\*!"

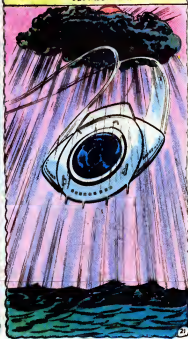
"IF YOU  
SAY SO  
--BUT  
I CANNOT  
GUARANTEE  
IT WILL  
WORK!"



"WITH EACH  
PASSING **HOLLID**\*,  
I GREW MORE  
CONCERNED! MY  
FAMILY WAS IN  
KANDOR! BUT  
EVACUATION IN  
THAT LENGTH OF  
TIME WAS  
IMPOSSIBLE..."

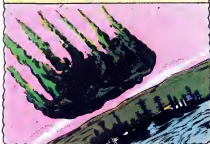
"THE MISSILE WAS LAUNCHED  
BARELY ON TIME! IT BURST  
OPEN JUST AS THE DEADLY  
SUN-CRAFT WAS ON ITS  
MURDER-MISSION TO KANDOR..."

"THE SMOKE IT DISGORGED CAUSED AN  
ARTIFICIAL ECLIPSE--BLOTTING OUT THE SUN!  
DEPRIVED OF ITS ENERGY SOURCE, THE  
SUN-CRAFT PLUNGED INTO THE SEA--AND  
DESTRUCTION..."



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"THE SMOKE THEN DESCENDED TO THE EXACT SPOT WE HAD AIMED FOR--~~ERROK~~, THE ENEMY CAPITAL...



"AND THERE THE ~~TRUE~~ PURPOSE OF THE GAS WAS DISCLOSED...FOR AS THE WARLORDS BREATHED THE SMOKE THAT SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY...



STRANGE--I NO LONGER FEEL I WANT TO FIGHT AND CONQUER!

NOR DO I! LET US MAKE PEACE WITH KANDOR!

PEACE!

PEACE!

"AND AS THE NEWS OF THE WAR'S END CAME TO US..."



THE ~~PROJECT-GAS~~ WORKED WELL--BUT WE WERE TRYING TO GET RID OF THE THICK SMOKE BEFORE USING IT!

YET IT WAS THAT ~~BY-PRODUCT~~--THE VERY SMOKE THAT DARKENED THE SUN--WHICH WE NEEDED TO ~~SAVE~~ KANDOR!



SO ENDED THE LAST WAR--FOR THE NATIONS BEGAN PLANNING THE GREAT CONFEDERATION...

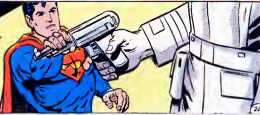
MOONS OF KRYPTON! LOOK OUT!

THAT WEAPON IN THE STATUE'S HAND--IT'S REAL!



IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A ~~DUMMY~~--YET SOMEONE MANAGED TO SUBSTITUTE A REAL BLASTER...

...ONE THAT MUST HAVE COME FROM A MUSEUM--THEY HAVEN'T BEEN USED FOR SO LONG!



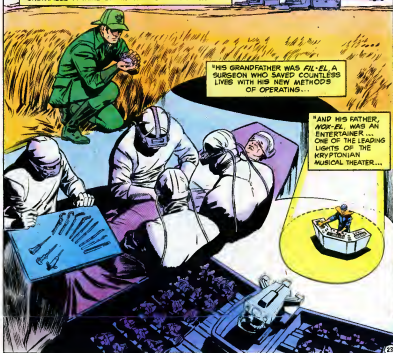
IT WAS JUST BEFORE  
THE WAR THAT THOUGHT-  
RECORDINGS WERE  
INVENTED--SO ALL  
THE REMAINING RECORD-  
INGS WILL BE *SPOKEN*!

THE NEXT ONE  
IS THE FAMED  
PHYSICIST--

"--J.M.-EL... WHOSE DISCOVERIES IN THE FIELD OF  
ATOMIC ENERGY REVOLUTIONIZED MOST INDUSTRIES  
ON KRYPTON..."



"BEFORE HIM CAME SORN-EL, AGRICULTURIST, WHO  
DEVELOPED NEW STRAINS OF GRAIN WHICH MADE FOOD  
SHORTAGES A THING OF THE PAST ON KRYPTON..."



"HIS GRANDFATHER WAS FIL-EL, A  
SURGEON WHO SAVED COUNTLESS  
LIVES WITH HIS NEW METHODS  
OF OPERATING..."

"AND HIS FATHER,  
NOX-EL, WAS AN  
ENTERTAINER...  
ONE OF THE LEADING  
LIGHTS OF THE  
KRYPTONIAN  
MUSICAL THEATER..."





"A GENERATION  
EARLIER CAME  
PLEN-EL,  
KRYPTON'S  
GREATEST  
NOVELIST,  
WHOSE WORKS  
ARE STILL  
READ IN  
KANDOR..."



"AND HIS  
AUNT,  
FEDRA SHU-EL,  
WHO, AS A  
LEGISLATOR,  
HELPED  
SET UP  
KANDOR'S FIRST  
SCIENCE  
COUNCIL..."



"HER  
BROTHER,  
JIMAR-EL,  
WAS A  
NOTED  
JURIST WHO  
PERFORMED  
THE TRIAL  
SYSTEM..."



"WHILE  
THEIR FATHER,  
SHU-EL,  
WAS AN  
OUTSTANDING  
SCIENTIST AND  
MATHEMATICIAN,  
AN EXPERT  
ON COMPUTER  
THEORY..."



"AND TWO  
GENERATIONS  
EARLIER CAME  
WAR-EL,  
THE FIRST  
TO PERFECT  
SOPHISTICATED  
RECORDING  
EQUIPMENT..."



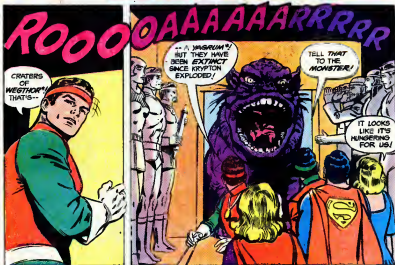


AND THAT IS THE  
LAST OF THE STATUES  
WITH BUILT-IN  
RECORDINGS, KAL!

BUT WE'RE  
STILL FAR  
FROM THE  
FAMILY'S  
BEGINNING!  
HOW DO WE  
LEARN THE  
STORIES OF  
OUR  
**EARLIER**  
ANCESTORS?



THAT IS NO  
PROBLEM  
WITH THE NEXT  
GROUP, WE'LL  
JUST...



CRATERS  
OF  
WEGTHOR?  
THAT'S--

-- A MANDRUM!  
BUT THEY HAVE  
BEEN **EXTINCT**  
SINCE KRYPTON  
EXPLODED!

TELL THAT  
TO THE  
**MONSTER!**

IT LOOKS  
LIKE IT'S  
HUNGERING  
FOR US!



THEY WILL NEVER KNOW  
WHO IS BEHIND THIS--  
OR WHY... BUT MY REVENGE  
WILL BE COMPLETE!

WHO IS THE  
MYSTERY FOE AND  
WHAT IS THE  
PURPOSE BEHIND  
THE ATTACKS ON  
KAL-EL AND HIS  
FAMILY?

THIS -- PLUS MORE  
THRILLING TALES  
OF THE **EL** FAMILY--  
WILL BE REVEALED  
IN THE NEXT  
ISSUE OF

**THE KRYPTON  
CHRONICLES!**

ON SALE JULY 9!  
IT'S A DATE!

# A KRYPTON GLOSSARY

Before presenting the words and definitions, we'll give a few facts about Kryptonian language and names.

We have done our best to translate the Kryptonese words and names into the English alphabet, but this is not always easy, as the Kryptonese alphabet consists of 118 characters, each with a precise sound. A double letter indicates a strong emphasis on the sound.

Kryptonese plurals are created by adding an *O* to the word, as we add an *S* in English. Some are given below.

Kryptonian men used hyphenated names, like *Jor-El* and *Jax-Ur*, the last part of the name being the family name, or surname. Women used the father's full name as a surname, except for orphans such as *Lesla-Lar* (see her name in the listing below).

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**ALURA**—Wife of Zor-El and mother of Supergirl.

**BRENK-BIR**—A criminal who joined with two friends, Vax-Quor and Kyl-Ibo, to terrorize Kandor when they acquired super-powers from contact with an old enemy, Ak-Var. Ak had just been released from the Phantom Zone, and had been affected by Red Kryptonite, which always has unpredictable effects on Kryptonians. Ak-Var helped Superman defeat his former pals. For more on him, see under Van-Zee.

**DRYGGUR**—A word meaning "leader," roughly equivalent to our "president."

**DRYGGUR MOLLOM**—The leader of the Science Council (See Mollom.)

**ERKOL**—Oldest city on Krypton. After a war with another city-state, Xan, lasting 200 years, Erkol was destroyed. However, many of its people survived to wipe out Xan and rebuild. The city still existed when Krypton exploded.

**FIRE FALLS**—One of the natural wonders of Krypton, looking like a waterfall made of fire.

**GRAHU**—An artificial material, somewhat like plastic but much stronger, used for building on Krypton.

**GRAHU-HUT**—A portable shelter made of grahu.

**HAL-VU**—A leading statesman of Erkol at the time of the Kryptonian Federation.

**JES-MO**—Kandor's chief weapons scientist during the Last War.

**JOR-EL I**—Superman's grandfather, a famous scientist.

**JOR-EL II**—Superman's father, son of Jor-El I.

**KAL-EL**—Superman's Kryptonian name.

**KANDOR**—The former capital of Krypton until it was stolen, shrunken, and placed in a bottle by the space villain Brainiac. After defeating Brainiac, Superman kept the bottle-city in his fortress until he found a way to enlarge it on another world.

**KARA ZOR-EL**—Supergirl's Kryptonian name. See Zor-El.

**KRYPTONOPOLIS**—The city of Superman's birth. Actually, this is a rendering of the name in Earth language, using the Greek "polis" (city). The original Kryptonian name is very difficult to pronounce. The city was founded by outcasts from Erkol, mutated by radiation during the Erkol-Xan war. Although they were strange in appearance—and had telekinetic powers—their offspring were normal.

**LES-LAR**—A native Kandorian who was Supergirl's double and became her enemy. An orphan, Lesla took a surname from the family of her best friend, Zora Vi-Lar.

**LORAX**—A Kryptonian "month" of 73 days. There were six of these in the year of 438 days.

**LURVAN**—The continent on which Kandor and Kryptonopolis were located.

**MARG-ROM**—Gam-El's assistant in architecture.

**MOLLOM**—Any member of the Science Council.

**NIM-EL**—Jor-El II's twin brother, a weapons scientist of Kandor. His son, Don-El, became Chief of Police in Kandor.

**PHANTOM ZONE**—A twilight dimension into which convicted criminals were projected during the last year of Krypton's existence.

**RAO**—Originally, an ancient Kryptonian sun god. When the people of Krypton came to worship one God, the name RAO was applied to Him.

**ROKYN**—Name of Kandor's new world. It comes from RO, the possessive form of Rao, plus KYN, meaning "gift." Thus Rokyn is "Rao's gift" or "The Gift of God."

**SCIENCE COUNCIL**—The ruling body on Krypton and in Kandor. Members are elected for life by a vote of the people based on their contributions to science.

**SHYLA KOR-ONN**—A former Phantom Zone prisoner who fought Supergirl.

**SIR DARR**—A statesman of the city-state of Strax, in Urrika, at the time of the Kryptonian Federation.

**SUPERGIRL'S PARENTS**—See Zor-El and Alura.

**TANTH**—A title of respect for a man; equivalent to Sir or Master in English. The feminine form is **TYNTH**.

**TANTHO**—The plural of TANTH. Used as we might use "gentlemen."

**THOUGHT-TRACKER EYE**—A Kryptonian device able to home in on criminal minds by their peculiar brainwaves.

**THRB**—A very short period of time, equivalent to an Earth second.

**URRIKA**—The Kryptonian continent where civilization began. Erkol was located there.

**VAN-ZEE**—A relative and look-alike of Superman, living in Kandor. A prominent scientist and a Mollom, he has a double the as Nightwing, the "Batman" of Kandor. His partner, Flamebird, is Ak-Var, former Phantom Zone criminal, now reformed, working as Van's assistant, and married to Van's niece.

**VAR-EL**—Superman's great-grandfather, a scientist who mysteriously vanished so Krypton has no record of his life.

**WANAN**—A former plain outside Kandor. In the years following the Federation, it was built up and became part of the city.

**WEOTHOR**—One of Krypton's two moons. It was colonized but was then destroyed by an experiment of the criminal scientist Jax-Ur.

**WOLU**—A Kryptonian hour of 10,000 thrbs. Ten Wolus make one day (ZETYAR in Kryptonese).

**WOLLO**—The plural of WOLU.

**YAGRUM**—A particularly dangerous, but rare, poisonous drug found on Krypton.

**ZOR-EL**—Jor-El II's younger brother. He lived in Argo City, which survived Krypton's doom, but was later wiped out by Kryptonite. Sending Kara, his daughter, to Earth, he managed to project his wife, Alura, and himself into another dimension, from which Supergirl later freed them. They then went to live in Kandor.

**ZORA VI-LAR**—A Kandorian villainess and close friend of Lesla-Lar. Calling herself Black Flame, she tried to expose Supergirl to Gold Kryptonite, which could steal her powers permanently.